

**SMMC**  
**July 9, 2007**  
**Item 11(a)2**  
**Attachment**



**MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens

570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100

Los Angeles, California 90065

Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

July 9, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle  
Chairperson  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
5750 Ramirez Canyon  
Malibu, California 90265

**Grant Application – Proposition 84 Funds Program Funding for Protection,  
Restoration and Interpretation of Natural Resources**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for grant funding for improving the sustainability and livability of California's communities through investing in local parks and urban greening and investment in natural resources and those actions necessary to allow continued use and enjoyment of property and natural resources owned or managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA).

The MRCA requests a grant in an amount of \$508,823 from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84).

The requested funds will be used to fund the sustainable design and urban greening of natural resources owned or managed by the MRCA pursuant to Section 75003(6)(e) Revitalizing our communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks and urban greening. Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Chief Landscape Architect, Stephanie Landregan, at (323) 221-8900 ex 184.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Berger'.

Michael Berger  
Chairperson

Attachments:      Application

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION – PROPOSITION 84 FUNDS**

| <b>Project Name:</b><br>Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed<br>Restoration Park                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Amount of Request:</b> \$ 508,823<br><b>Total Project Cost:</b> \$ 13,986,985                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |  |        |                 |                   |             |    |    |
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| <b>Applicant Name:</b><br>Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Amount of Match:</b><br><b>Source of Match:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                   |  |        |                 |                   |             |    |    |
| <b>Applicant Address:</b><br>570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100<br>Los Angeles, CA 90065<br><br><b>Phone:</b> 323-221-9944<br><b>Fax:</b> 323-221-9934                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Project Address:</b> 1200 West Colton Street<br><table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th style="width: 33%;">County</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Senate District</th> <th style="width: 33%;">Assembly District</th> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Los Angeles</td> <td style="text-align: center;">22</td> <td style="text-align: center;">45</td> </tr> </table><br><b>Email:</b> Barbara.Romero@mrca.ca.gov |                   |  | County | Senate District | Assembly District | Los Angeles | 22 | 45 |
| County                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Senate District                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Assembly District |  |        |                 |                   |             |    |    |
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| <b>Grantee's Representative Authorized in Resolution:</b><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;">           Barbara Romero, Director of Urban Projects<br/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <i>Name and Title</i> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">           323-221-9944, x188<br/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <i>Phone</i> </div> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |  |        |                 |                   |             |    |    |
| <b>Person with day-to-day responsibility for project (if different from Authorized Representative):</b><br><div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 60%;">           Stephanie Landregan, Chief Landscape Architect<br/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <i>Name and Title</i> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: right;">           323-221-9944, x184<br/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin: 5px 0;"/> <i>Phone</i> </div> </div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |  |        |                 |                   |             |    |    |
| <b>Project Description:</b><br><p>The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will use the proposed grant to fund several features of the park that had been removed due to value engineering for the Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Park. The work funded by this grant will be perimeter fencing and interpretive entry gates; a watershed demonstration grotto; greening of the building roofs; and upsizing the specimen oak and sycamore trees and doubling the quantity of native plants.</p> <p>The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project will provide a restored natural watershed experience. The natural environment will feature habitats found in the Santa Monica Mountains and the Upper Los Angeles River Watershed. Within the park, landforms will emphasize watershed processes that will capture and recycle all on site irrigation water. The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project design features a cistern to capture, clean and reuse water runoff; passive solar buildings; green roofs to reduce urban heat island effect; and, a grotto water feature interpretive tool for environmental, water and energy conservation. The trees will be upsized to provide more immediate shade, and the amount of native plants has been increased and upsized where appropriate. The perimeter fencing will provide security for the site, and pilasters will have decorative tiles prepared by the community and will support interpretive wrought iron entry gates.</p> <p>The park design implements the objectives of Proposition 84, specifically 75003 (6) e: “Revitalizing our communities and making them more sustainable and livable by investing in sound land use planning, local parks, and urban greening.” The cistern is designed to prevent stormwater from becoming urban runoff, and a portion of the captured water will be used for irrigation. The green roof will provide a natural insulation, and reduce the effects of the urban heat island effect. The watershed grotto feature is adjacent to the outdoor classroom and demonstrates how a watershed</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |  |        |                 |                   |             |    |    |

Section 79508 of the Water Code requires the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to implement the San Gabriel and Los Angeles River Watershed and Open Space Plan, commonly known as the Common Ground Plan. The Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project implements several of the guiding principles <sup>1</sup>, strategies <sup>2</sup>, and opportunities <sup>3</sup> identified in the San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers Watershed Open Space Plan adopted by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in October 2001. These include: creating public open space throughout the region; improving urban lands for opportunities for access to parks and recreation; improving habitat quality, educational and interpretive opportunities; and partnerships for multi-objective planning, among others. Furthermore, the Vista Hermosa Los Angeles River Watershed Restoration Project is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy's Strategic Plan adopted by the Department of Finance in 1997: "Expand local government, school district, and nonprofit ventures to provide increased educational and access opportunities."<sup>4</sup>

- | Tasks / Milestones:  | Budget:    | Completion Date |
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| 1 Construction       | \$ 462,566 | Fall 2007       |
| 2 Project Management | \$ 46,257  | Fall 2007       |
| 3                    |            |                 |
| 4                    |            |                 |

**For Acquisition Projects:**    APN(s):    N/A  
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I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

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| Signature of Authorized Representative | Date |
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